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Tim Goessman/Montana Kaimin

Former Griz offensive tackle, Charles Burton, comments during a public forum on the sexual assault report at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday night. Burton said events like the Foresters' Ball, where heavy alcohol consumption occurs, should be more closely regulated by the administration.

CAMPUS

Audience focuses on processes, services at sexual assault forums

**Cody Blum
Spencer Veysey**
Montana Kaimin

Students and community members didn't have many questions Tuesday about the University of Montana's ongoing sexual assault investigation. They just wanted to know how victim services operate and if faculty must report cases.

President Royce Engstrom hosted two forums Tuesday, one in the afternoon on campus and one in the evening at the Holiday Inn Express, opening with a summary of the five-page investigation report released last week. Joining him to answer questions were Lucy France, director of UM's Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office; Charles Couture, dean of students; and Eilis O'Herlihy, director of the Student Assault Resource Center.

At both forums, most ques-

tions were not about the investigation or the report released last week, but focused on campus services and procedures. People wanted to know who victims should talk to and about the responsibilities of various staff and faculty.

The on-campus presentation was integrated into the University Council meeting, which is generally geared toward faculty and staff, but students made up nearly half of the audience. More than 100 people attended but just a handful asked questions.

Instead of holding regular class, professor Charlie Palmer had his Legal and Ethical Issues in the Health and Exercise Professions students attend the presentation.

"It is an issue that cuts across demographics," Palmer said. "It is a societal issue."

His students were assigned to write suggestions about how the University can prevent sexual

assaults. Palmer will compile the input and submit the suggestions to Engstrom.

UM senior Courtney Rayfield, who is in Palmer's class, said she was impressed by all of the services the University provides to people involved in sexual assaults.

"I had no idea that SARC did so much for these students," Rayfield said.

Overall, she said she's satisfied with the University's quick response to the situation given that it came to officials' attention in December.

Elizabeth Hubble, co-director of gender studies, asked if the University would change its policy and begin requiring faculty to report all incidents they learn about. She was concerned that mandatory reporting would dissuade students from seeking help on campus.

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Two student forums scheduled

Students attending either forum will break into facilitated discussion groups to talk about the causes of sexual violence, its consequences on individuals and prevention. The National Coalition Building Institute of Missoula will facilitate the discussions.

Monday, Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom

Feb. 22, 4 p.m. in the UC Theater

CAMPUS

Tai chi course puts hectic lives in slow motion



Stories about
Missoula between
6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
from students in the School of Journalism

Mark Boatman
For the Montana Kaimin

Melodic chords of Chinese music filled the room as Hector Ni led his three students in a delicately synchronized ballet that resembled a semi-stationary march in slow motion.

A little unsteady in her motions, geography student Mary Nellis attempted to mimic her teacher, going through several shaky repetitions

until he stepped in to lend his expertise.

Taking her hands, Ni confidently guided her through a few brief movements before having her watch him deftly execute the same maneuvers another time. It was the start of a long journey.

"Only when you can move your body and at the same time regulate the air inside, you have learned it," the instructor said.

The ancient Chinese martial art of tai chi has returned to the line-up of the University of Montana's Recreation Center.

Based on focused and relaxed breathing accompanied by slow,

fluid motions, it poses the ultimate challenge to people who spend hectic days juggling graduate school and a full-time job.

It's precisely this challenge that brought Nellis to the Rec Center on a recent Thursday night.

"I'm a naturally fidgety person," she said.

Nellis hopes that tai chi will force her to relax her thoughts and concentrate on a focused sense of slowness. With its emphasis on body control and fluid motion, the martial art reminds her of salsa, rumba and African dancing.

Movements, or routines, are central to tai chi, a form of self-defense

that originated in China around the 12th century. Dozens of them exist, with many named after animals or birds, according to the American Tai Chi and Qigong Association's website.

It's estimated that about three million Americans practice the art of tai chi regularly. Recent studies have shown it to have some promising health benefits to those with cardiovascular conditions, rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia. It also has helped reduce depression and falling incidences among the elderly.

Ni, who has taught tai chi for three years, likens it to a form of low-

impact kung fu, with a combination of inner and outer techniques. While the outer portion of tai chi concentrates on physical movements, the inner portion focuses strictly on regulating respiration. When exhaling, Ni imagines he's pushing the air through his arms and out through his fingers.

Ni said that tai chi is quite beneficial in maintaining healthy muscles, joints and organs. He considers it superior to yoga because it doesn't push your muscles to their absolute limit.

While many think of tai chi as a

See TAI CHI, page 8





EDUCATION COLUMN

THE FULL MONTE

Dorm Follies
By Missy Lacock

Three weeks into the spring semester, we're already settled and bored. Three weeks into the fall semester, however, students are usually still squatting in a hallway waiting for their dorm room.

There are many rites of passage for the college student. All-nighters, bad sex and starving are among the worst. Dorm life, however, is the only one mandated by policy.

The State of Montana Board of Regents decrees that "all students with less than 30 earned credits reside in the residence halls," according to UM's website. It's important that a school provides housing for students who need close accommodations and meal plans, but forcing students into those buildings? They are legal adults. They can join the army, get married and adopt a child, but God forbid they live on their own or have their own sinks.

Boarding in a dorm can be a fabulous on-campus experience. I lived in a dorm for two years when I got my first degree in California and made some of my best friends that way. I also learned, however, that six girls living in one room can shed a lot of hair.

Fortunately, the University of Montana usually houses only two students per room. Unfortunately, a double room without private facilities can cost anywhere from \$3330 to \$3849 a semester with a meal plan. That's about \$830 to \$960 a month. I now live in a two-bedroom house with a full bathroom and kitchen and pay \$495 — with only my cat as a roommate. It was a good find, but I wasn't competing against freshmen for it; they're stuck in a 16-by-10-foot room.

The freshman rule is common in most universities (and luckily there are loopholes), but we're a little old for peer pressure. If the residence halls want to charge \$1,000 a month for a cell without a bathroom or kitchen, more power to the profit makers! The Board of Regents, however, has no business forcing students into them — or into a hallway nearby, for that matter.

This brings us to the other dorm dilemma: The lack of facilities. Overflow forces students to camp in study lounges for weeks every fall semester without reimbursement. I know an exchange student who came to campus expecting an American adventure and was instead stuffed in Miller Hall's study lounge almost the entire term. The lounge had high traffic and did nothing to relieve his culture shock. Welcome to America, pal! Our students are homeless, and no, you will not receive a rent refund.

The administration wants to increase enrollment at the University, but doesn't provide sufficient dorm infrastructure as it is. The bottom line, however, is that students should get what they pay for or receive their money back. This is a college, and there are plenty of business textbooks with the answer: Don't sell what you don't have.

But as we've observed with parking permits, the U has yet to heed this lesson.

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heard around the OVAL

SOUTH PARK-N-RIDE

"This is college. You've got to learn to go to class still drunk."

CLAPP BUILDING

"She got mad at me and said I'm racist toward dumb people."

DON ANDERSON HALL

"Because 13-year-olds are scary, man."

NEAR OVAL

"Yeah, terrorism's not really up my alley."

LOMASSON CENTER

"I'm alive, therefore I'm rich."

ON THE OVAL

"I'm getting screwed tonight, yay!"

ARTS + CULTURE COLUMN

MINDFUL MEDIA

Super Sunday

By Michael Beall

It's a shame there's only one day a year when the commercials are as good as the show on TV.

The Super Bowl is no longer just a game. It was once an event where friends gathered around a TV for a night of beer, food and football, but it's grown into a cultural phenomenon that everyone wants a part of.

It is by far the most popular media event in America. Not every American is a football fan per se, but 111.3 million people tuned into Sunday's game, breaking last season's viewership record and leaving the one-time record holder — the 106-million-viewer, 1983 M*A*S*H finale — in the dust.

Only the NFL could get an entire country to watch weeks of the same predictions, analysis and headlines on every sports network. Watch the Super Bowl Media Day and you'll gain insight into the media circus, as hundreds of reporters round up players and coaches into a ring in order ask the same mundane and irrelevant questions.

I think my way of game prediction is just as effective; A brutal game of NFL Blitz on the Nintendo 64. I definitely don't need to hear constant "expertise" from 20 former NFL greats — each who have retired in the last five to ten years — spewing off guesstimates about the final score.

The secret to the Super Bowl's audience success is that it's the one day of the year commercials decide to be creative. This year, national corporations poured an average of \$3.5 million into each 30-second advertisement in order to get a piece of the hundred million potential consumers.

Animal Planet and MTV 2 even capitalized on Super Sunday. Puppy Bowl VIII broke Animal Planet's audience record this year with 11 million. Who knew 20 puppies and 10 toys could engage more view-

ers than the 14 women in helmets, shoulder pads and bikinis in Lingerie Bowl IX.

There's no question football is king in America. I'm sure more people remember the total number of days the league was locked out this summer than the Iranian hostage crisis.

Well, to those who don't, the lockout was 132 long days, and Americans were on the edge of their seat, hoping for the end.

The lockout would have left a significant economic bruise. If the NFL was an independent nation, it would be the 86th largest country in the world in terms of nominal GDP — \$32.89 billion — roughly the size of Kenya. Even the smallest team — the Jacksonville Jaguars — is larger than the likes of Solomon Islands, Grenada or Somoa. (Dare you to find those on a map.)

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13,000+ parking tickets issued this fall

There's nothing more infuriating than getting a parking ticket, even when you know you broke the rules. But how about getting 13,211 of them? That's how many parking tickets the University of Montana issued last semester. This semester there have been 1,718 parking citations issued so far.

Total tickets issued each fall:

2009: 12,724 2010: 11,840 2011: 13,211

MOST TICKETED LOTS

1. Parking lot between the University Center and Aber Hall (Lot V) had the greatest amount of citations issued with 1,413. Of those, 1,120 were because of expired hour pay stubs.
2. The Lommasson Center lot had the second most with 1,250 citations total.
3. The lot between the Interdisciplinary Science Building and East Beckwith Ave. (Lot G) saw 1,033 tickets. 374 were for no decal.
4. In the large rectangular lot between the PAR/TV building and the football practice field (Lot P) there were 912 tickets. Two were counterfeit permits.
5. The parking lot between the University Center and Mt. Sentinel (Lot F) met 830 tickets total. Of those, 674 were for "hourly pay expired" and one was an "altered hourly pay stub."

LEAST TICKETED LOTS

1. PARTV (along 6th street) saw 64 tickets.
2. Outside the music building on Maurice Ave. (Lot MUS) carried only two tickets.
3. Lot along the street outside the Campus Recreational Center (Parking Lot Van Buren) had one ticket for no decal.
4. Lewis and Clark Residences: Six tickets, three for no decal.



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Fraternity and Sorority Facts

- The fraternity and sorority community increased in size to over 400 members last year.
- The two highest GPA fraternities last semester were Sigma Phi Epsilon with a 3.00, Phi Delta Theta with a 2.98, and the two highest GPA sororities were Delta Gamma with a 3.18 and Kappa Kappa Gamma with a 3.06.
- If you are interested in recruitment, check out our website at www.umd.edu/greek, or e-mail the Interfraternal Council recruitment chairman (for interested men) at recruitment.umdifc@gmail.com or the Panhellenic Council recruitment chairman (for interested women) at recruitment.umdphc@gmail.com.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

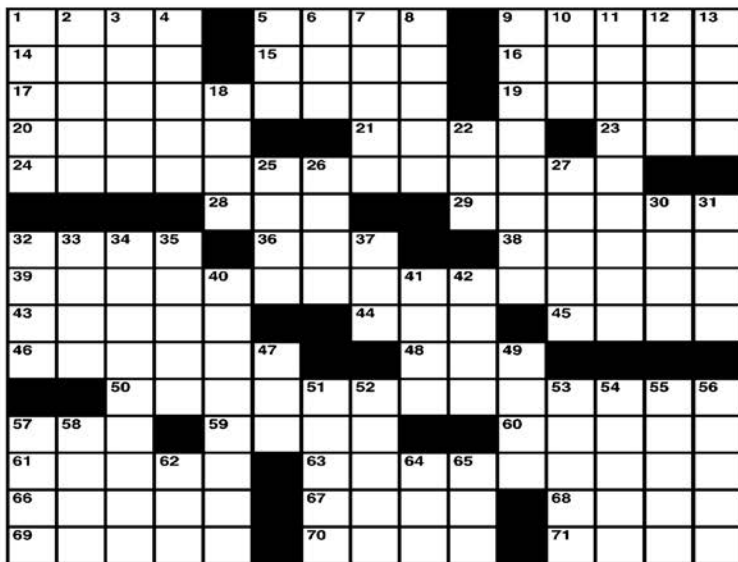
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Organic fuel
- 5 Beggar's returns
- 9 Out-and-out
- 14 Soprano Gluck
- 15 Tree nursery?
- 16 Winnebagos' kin
- 17 "Vaudeville headliner
- 19 Actress Kelly
- 20 Anaheim team, to fans
- 21 Splotch
- 23 Fishing gear
- 24 "Count Basie's theme song
- 28 Garment border
- 29 Michael of "Caddyshack"
- 32 Marbles competition
- 36 Get out in the open
- 38 Singsong syllables
- 39 "Too-small quantity
- 43 Open mic performer, often
- 44 Bruins legend
- 45 "My love ___ a fever, longing still"; Shakespeare
- 46 Deeply rooted
- 48 Gandalf portrayer McKellen
- 50 "1959 Monroe classic
- 57 "Go team!"
- 59 Well out of range
- 60 It may be captioned
- 61 Hoover rival
- 63 What many sports cars lack, and, in a way, what the ends of the starred answers are
- 66 Bench clearer
- 67 Pitcher Pettitte with a record 19 post-season wins
- 68 Out of the cage
- 69 Less hardy-looking
- 70 Early Iranian
- 71 "America's Next Top Model" host Banks

DOWN

- 1 Logical start?



By Jack McInturff

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 47 Dict. offering
- 49 Small bites
- 51 NFLer until 1994
- 52 Castle with many steps?
- 53 Museum concern
- 54 White with age
- 55 Weasel-like swimmer
- 56 Where captains go
- 57 Frolic
- 58 Field of expertise
- 62 GPA reducer, usually
- 64 Put in
- 65 Deli choice

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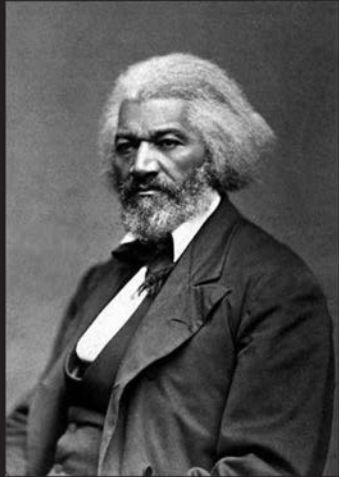
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 Sophomore **Billy Dinnell** smokes a cigarette on the western edge of campus Monday afternoon. Dinnell said the long walks to the edge of campus increase his cravings and hinder his effort to quit smoking.



Snow conditions

Compiled by Emily Downing

Western Montana at the end of January has ski conditions, but nearby cross-country planning your next

<p>SKI AREAS:</p> <p>BIG SKY Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 19 of 19 Base depth: 45" Summit depth: 66" New snow: 0"</p> <p>BRIDGER BOWL Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 7 of 7 Base depth: 33" Summit depth: 33" New snow: 1"</p>	<p>DISCOVERY Terrain open: 85% Lifts open: 6 of 8 Base depth: 36" Summit depth: 51" New snow: 0"</p> <p>LOOKOUT PASS Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 3 of 3 Base depth: 80" Summit depth: 115" New snow: 0"</p>	<p>LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 5 of 5 Base depth: 69" Summit depth: 79" New snow: 0"</p> <p>MONTANA SNOWBOWL Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 2 of 2 Base depth: 35" Summit depth: 80" New snow: 0"</p>	<p>MOONLIGHT BASIN Terrain open: 100% Lifts open: 7 of 7 Base depth: 46" Summit depth: 66" New snow: 0"</p> <p>CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: PATTEE CANYON: Hard packed and icy, groomed Feb. 3.</p>
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CONFESSIONS

of an
on-campus

SMOKER

Brooks Johnson
Montana Kaimin

I was scared at first. Would they find me, capture me and electroshock me into submission? Would my jacket smell even more like festering tobacco for lack of ashtrays and other receptacles? No, though the smell is still apparent.

Although the University of Montana enacted the campus-wide tobacco-free policy last fall, there is still some smoke hanging in the air. Literally.

"I would feel less guilty if they didn't take the ashtrays away," Gil Filar said while smoking outside the Liberal Arts building Monday.

He and a group of friends were on break from a class, and having no time to walk to the edge of campus, simply lit up not 10 feet from the door and even closer to a campus-owned truck.

"I'm flagrant about it," he said.

So my friend and I lit up with them and chatted about the irony of the situation, though maybe we were just sad to be singled out for getting addicted to this

expensive vice in the first place. Maybe, though, the ban on my habit has the opposite effect and makes me crave more.

"I didn't fiend before as much," sophomore Billy Din-nell said. "By the time you get to the edge of campus, you want to smoke a whole cigarette."

The campus truck drove off without a word, and I put the cigarette out and threw it away inside, huffing and puffing three floors up to French class.

I feel sorry for Sarah Bennett, who sits next to my smelly coat in class every day. Well, maybe I would if she wasn't a smoker, too.

"I smoked on the edge of campus today, felt like a badass," she said.

Bennett is among the growing smoking population that realize what the policy intended in the first place.

"I feel awkward about it," she said. "It made me realize I might actually be offending someone."

Waving her goodbye, I smoked another half of a cigarette walking up to the Kaimin office to start this very story.

That next set of stairs wasn't especially kind.

All right, maybe moving to the edge of campus isn't so hard. Maybe I will clear out a little lung tar during the walk.

As I later approached the edge of campus, a throng of students were lighting up between classes, forming a wall of smoke as cars passed by.

According to Dean of Students Charles Couture's office, no violations have been referred to his office, as per the Student Conduct Code.

Maybe administrators didn't see it coming, but junior Jonathan Alexander sees it clearly.

"Visitors driving by see a lot of smokers," he said Monday afternoon.

Sophomore Kathrine King was among them.

"It's kind of obnoxious," she said, though she complies anyway, with some grievances.

"There tends to be some weirdos looking for spliffs at night," King said, suggesting an element of danger to the campus resident.

And R.A.s are the ones com-

ing down on their residents. They have the authority to write up students for insubordination (a minor citation), though it hasn't been any worse than that. According to Dean of Students Charles Couture's office, no violations have been referred to his office, as per the Student Code of Conduct.

Putting out my third cigarette in as many hours, and near an ashtray for a change, I checked my email for the good news I was looking for: the enforcement policy.

As it turns out, Public Safety is limited. Shelley Harshbarger, operations manager for Public Safety, wrote in an email, "Since smoking is a 'policy' violations, citations cannot be issued. Officers have responded to a few complaints of people smoking but the responding officer is just allowed to advise the offenders of the campus policy."

So, is the policy effective if it doesn't necessarily stop us jerks from filling the air with cancer? Well, what Sarah said lit something in my nicotine-riddled brain — that the policy more or less forces you to reconcile your decisions (and addiction) with the health of others.

In good conscience, I didn't smoke another cigarette on campus Monday. The money, the trouble, the obvious health risks, it all starts to dawn.

So maybe it's time to quit.

Well, after just one more.

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na hasn't seen much powder since La Nina decided to dump on us. The lack of snow and recent warm days make for some erratic conditions. The conditions are good if you know where to go. This sampling of try, downhill and backcountry skiing should be of help when you're at adventure.

LUBRECHT:

Hard, frozen snow but softer as temperatures rise. Groomed Feb. 3.

LOLO PASS:

Soft and well-groomed as of Feb. 5.

SEELEY LAKE:

Sugary snow on a firm base, groomed Feb. 5.

BACKCOUNTRY:

The West Central Montana Avalanche Advisory lists avalanche danger as "low," though high ridges on north-facing slopes are listed as "moderate." The next advisory will be issued Feb. 10. Many sun-exposed and south-facing aspects have a crusty surface. Upper snowpacks are growing significant hoar crystals, which could make for dangerous conditions if any new snow accumulates.

THE TO-DO LIST

1

ARCHEOLOGY, HISTORY & THE BIBLE

2/9 @ 7:30 p.m.

UM's Religious Studies department will be comparing and contrasting biblical and archaeological evidence for historical events in the Bible free in Gallagher Business Building, Room 123.

2

WINTER BREWFEST

2/11 @ 2-8 p.m.

The first brewfest of the year will be held in the old Safeway building on Broadway, featuring 30 beers on tap, food and live music. \$10 gets you the tasting glass and two drink tokens, additional tokens are just \$1.

3

BUDDY DEFRANCO JAZZ

2/11 @ 7:30 p.m.

Kung Fu Kongress and Reverend Slanky are bringing the funk to the Wilma to fundraise for the UM Jazz Band, who will also be performing. Tickets are on sale at Rockin Rudy's and the School of Music. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

4

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

2/11 @ 7 p.m.

UM's Women's Resource Center is presenting Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" to help prevent violence against women. Proceeds will benefit the Blue Mountain Clinic.

5

LIVE & LOCAL TUESDAY

2/14 @ 9 p.m.

Mix up your Tuesday night and listen to Kevin Koutnik and the Protectors and Silly Red Hat light up the Badlander. It's free, so make sure you drink. That's how you can support the bands. 21+

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CHRIS WISHERD



Tim Goessman/Montana Kaimin

junior, cheerleader

CHRIS WISHERD

Age: 25

Hometown: Missoula

Major: Accounting and finance

Music on my iPod: Eminem, LMFAO, Rascal Flatts

Favorite TV Show: Family Guy

What I would do if not cheer: Pursue tennis or golf

Favorite activity: Racing cars and snowboarding

Why I joined the cheer team: It seemed like a fun way to get into college athletics

Favorite Missoula hangout: Iron Horse



Personal goal: Get better at my tumbling with a round-off, back-handspring, back-full

Team goal: To bring home a national title

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junior, dancer

Age: 21

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Major: Sociology

Nickname: Lee-Lee, Leezy Lee

Favorite Griz athlete: Anthony Johnson

On my iPod: Ghostland Observatory, Hot Chip, Miike Snow and Moldy Peaches

Favorite food: Enchiladas

Individual goal: Inspire someone else to dance

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Griz athletes receive academic honors

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College is hard. So is maintaining an acceptable GPA while playing a sport at the University of Montana.

Nonetheless, 45 student-athletes were named to the fall Academic All-Big Sky Conference team, 22 of them achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA for autumn semester 2011.

The fall sport with the most athletes to make the list was the women's soccer team, which also won the Big Sky Championship this past fall for the first time since 2000. Grizzly soccer saw 19 of its 28 players achieve a GPA of at least 3.0, including junior defender Lauren Costa.

"We always try to get the highest GPA of all the female sports teams," Costa said.

Per NCAA rules, the women's soccer team can train a maximum of 20 hours each week. Costa says she also puts in at least 10-15 hours studying each week.

"Playing soccer actually helps because it gives you structure on how you should do things," said Costa, who started all 22 matches last season. "We know when we have to practice; we know when things are due. They give us a certain amount of time (for studying) that we have to take advantage of it."

Costa's teammate Tyler Adair gives credit to the coaching staff for the team's high cumulative GPA.

"They make sure that we recognize that we're student-athletes, and that we don't put the athlete before being a student," she said.

At a minimum, to compete in an

NCAA Division I sport, a student-athlete must take at least 12 credit hours each semester and be in "good academic standing according to the standards of your institution," according to the summary of NCAA regulations.

To play as a Grizzly, a student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of at least 1.8 by the start of his or her sophomore year, a 1.9 by their junior year, and a 2.0 as a senior, said Jean Gee, UM Senior Athletic Director.

However, 14 student-athletes were placed on academic probation last fall. All 14 athletes were either members of the football team, men's track team or men's basketball team.

Gee attributes the "rigorous NCAA academic progress requirements" as the main factor for UM athletes having success in the classroom.

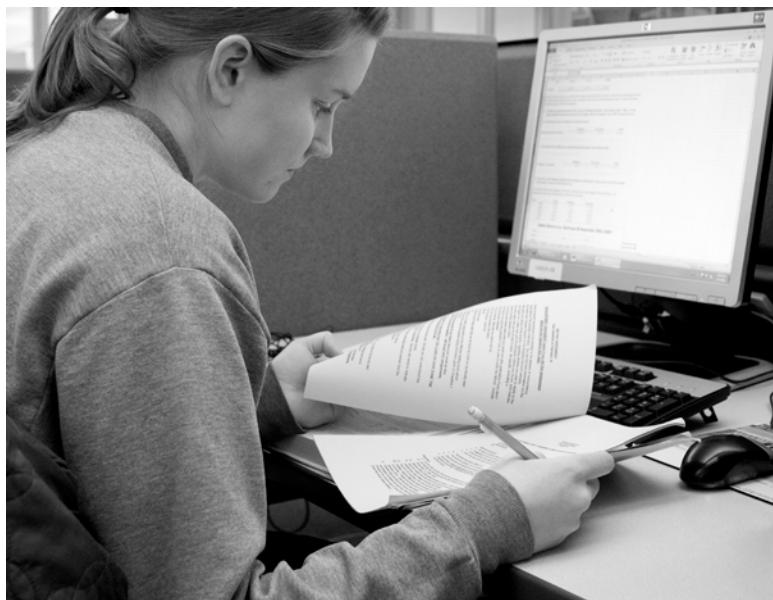
"The built-in support network that student-athletes are a part of when they join a team – (it) helps them feel a connection to the University, and in turn, supports their academic endeavors," she said.

Last semester, the 272 athletes registered took an average of 13.29 credits and had a cumulative GPA of 3.06.

The 36 members of the women's track team averaged the most credit hours, with 15.32, while the men's basketball team took the fewest, averaging 11.78.

The highest team GPA belonged to the women's cross country team with 3.69, while the football team had the lowest with a 2.8.

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Soccer player Lauren Costa studies in Gallagher Business Building on Tuesday afternoon. Costa is double majoring in accounting and finance and has been named a representative on the Academic All-Big Sky Conference team for three years in a row. "It's all about time management," Costa said.

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FORUMS

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France said although other universities in the country do require faculty and staff to report incidents, UM currently doesn't. She said faculty and staff do "need to make sure we direct students to SARC and other resources."

UM's existing reporting procedure conflicts.

The sexual misconduct procedure, written in April 2005, "encourages reporting of all incidents of sexual misconduct, and respects the choices that survivors make regarding the methods of reporting." It later says "safety personnel" must report offenses to Public Safety, but without the victim's name or other identifying information.

The definition of safety personnel includes Public Safety officers, people monitoring doors at events, the dean of students, the director of Residence Life, and "other officials with significant responsibilities for student and campus activities." Professional counselors and health staff are excluded.

The confusion means one unnamed UM official will not be reprimanded after failing to tell administrators about an assault, Engstrom said.

The smaller evening forum only

saw a few questions from the few dozen people in attendance.

One man asked how the Missoula Police Department is involved in sexual assault cases on campus.

Engstrom and Couture both said the University doesn't share allegations with local law enforcement, but can urge victims to press charges on their own. They pointed out that the University has their own processes and punishments for these cases, such as the Student Conduct Code, Athlete Conduct Code and Title IX.

At both forums, Engstrom reviewed general information about the nine cases that surfaced during the investigation and said none of them had a common perpetrator. Three of those cases ended in expulsion of the perpetrators from the University under the Student Conduct Code. Another three instances continue to be investigated, and the remaining three cases are stalled in what Engstrom described as a lack of victim participation.

"Without the involvement of the victims it is very difficult to get meaningful and reliable information," Engstrom said at the faculty update. An April letter from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to universities nationwide clarified that colleges must investigate cases even before a victim comes forward and even

if they choose not to file a formal complaint.

During her seven weeks working for UM as an outside investigator, Diane Barz, a former state supreme court justice, released two reports on the investigation and was paid more than \$11,000.

The first, submitted Dec. 31, called for an extension on the investigation as permitted by federal law, but did say there was evidence of non-consensual sex and unclear reporting policies.

The second and final report was submitted on Jan. 31 and listed local reporting options and resources for victims, an overview of her findings, a conclusion and list of nine recommendations, one of which was to conduct a second audit of UM policies after any changes are made this year. She said her work was hindered by a lackluster response from students who were at parties where alleged attacks happened and the dishonesty of those who did come forward.

Barz suggested adding more "readily available" information to resources for victims on the school's website, increasing personnel training on how to handle and report sexual assault allegations, ensuring SARC has enough money to appropriately respond to victims and offer support, and forming student-run outreach programs to

encourage healthy lifestyles and offer support in academic and social activities.

Barz also recommended all student-athletes and UM freshmen take a "101-type class" to learn about social norms expected to be observed, appropriate sexual relationships and practices, the con-

sequences of risky behavior from alcohol to casual sex, and information on resources for mental health, chemical dependence and sexual harassment issues.

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TAI CHI

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great workout for older adults, the instructor said it could also be very helpful to young people by keeping vital organs healthy.

UM fitness program manager Sonja Tysk said she brought tai chi back to add variety to the Rec Center's offerings after finding a qualified instructor. The class meets Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and there's a monthly fee of \$10.

Tysk rejected the notion that it

was a martial art of interest only to the senior population.

"I think to consider tai chi an older person's activity is a bit of a stereotype," she said. "It's kind of like saying yoga is only for flexible people."

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